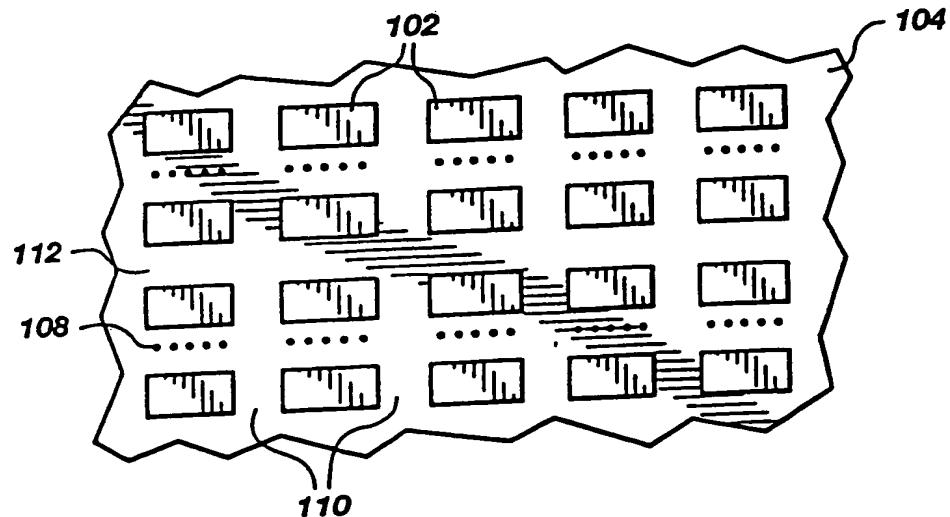
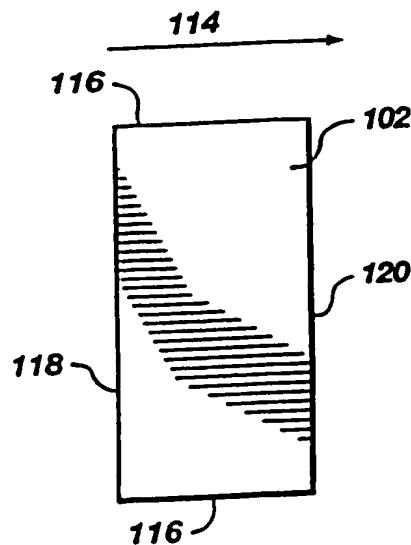




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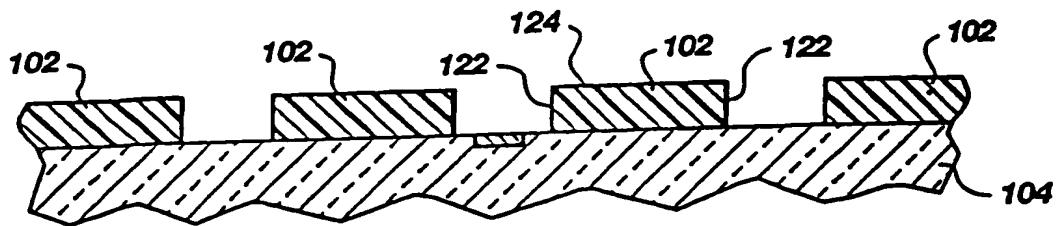
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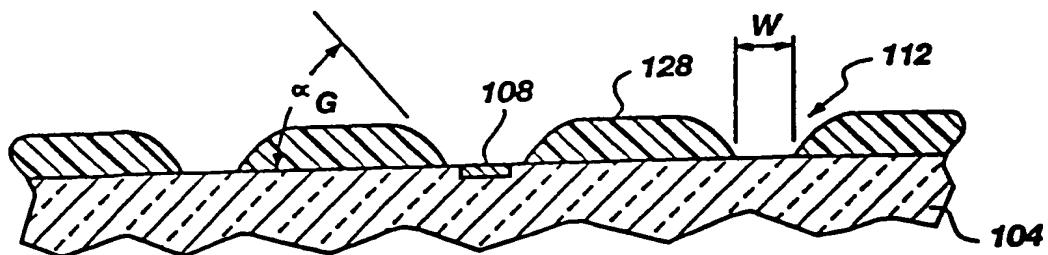
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*Fig. 3*



*Fig. 4*



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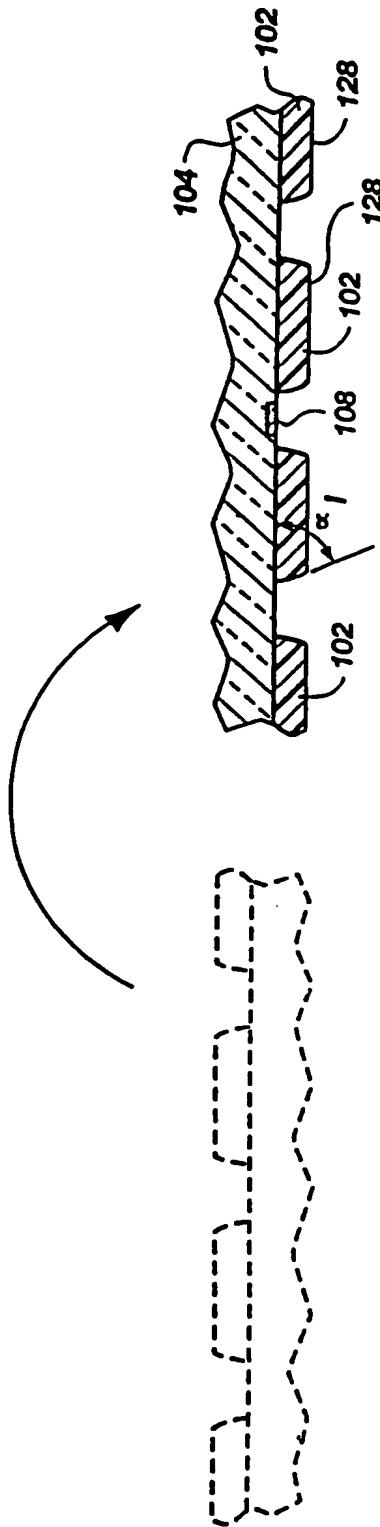
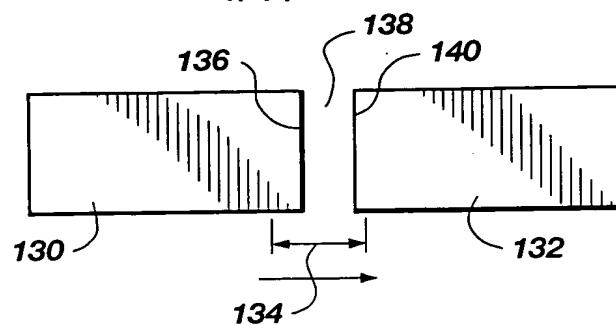


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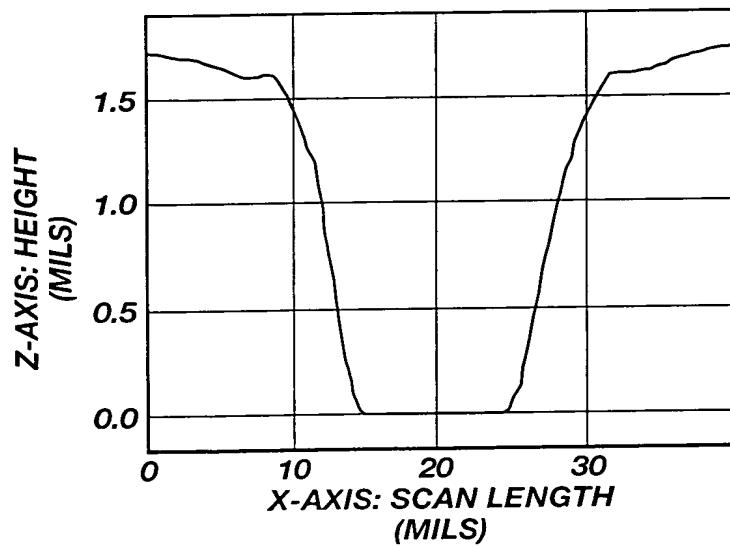


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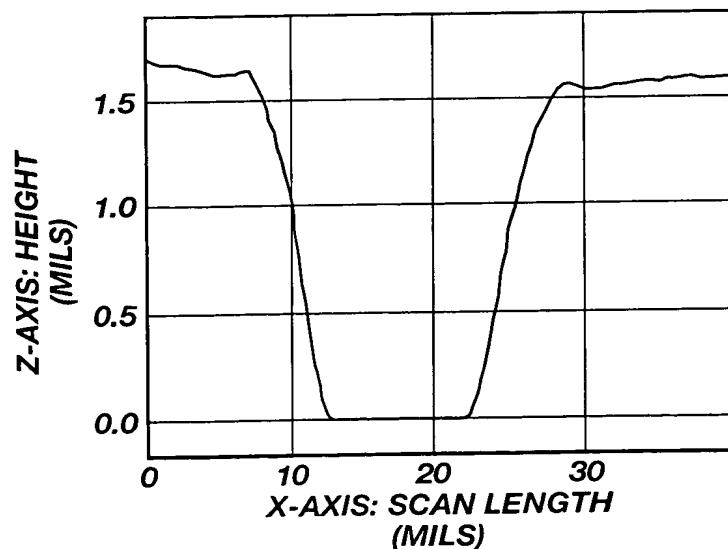
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**Fig. 6**



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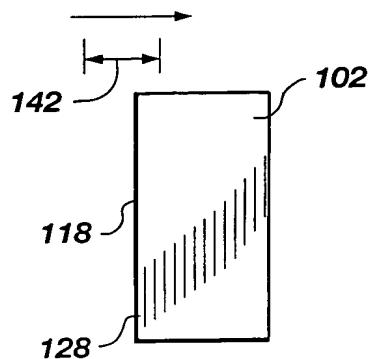


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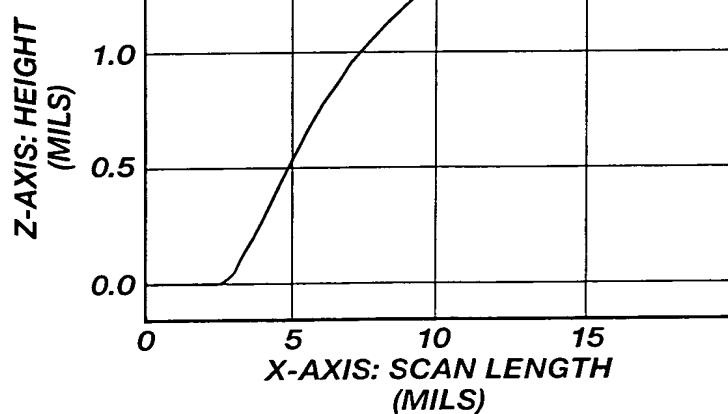


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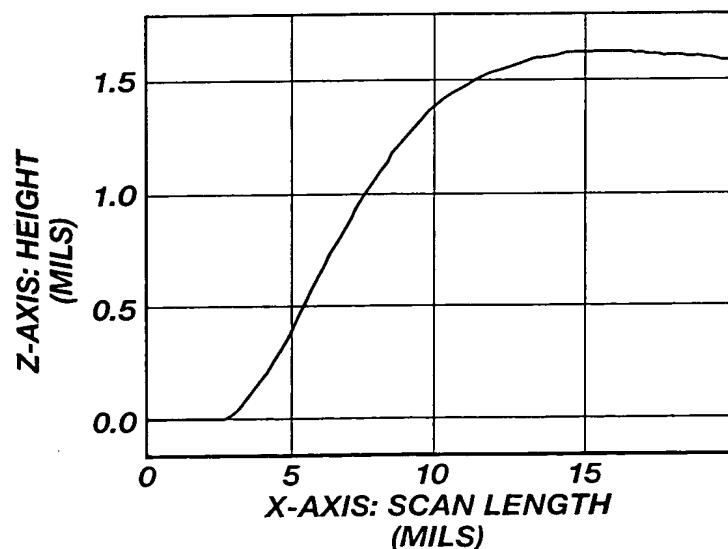
**Fig. 9**



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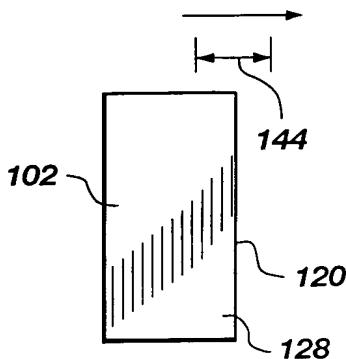
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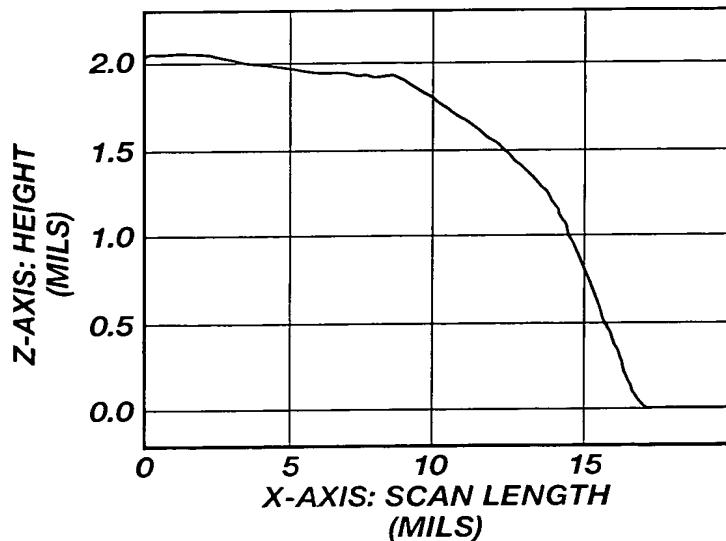


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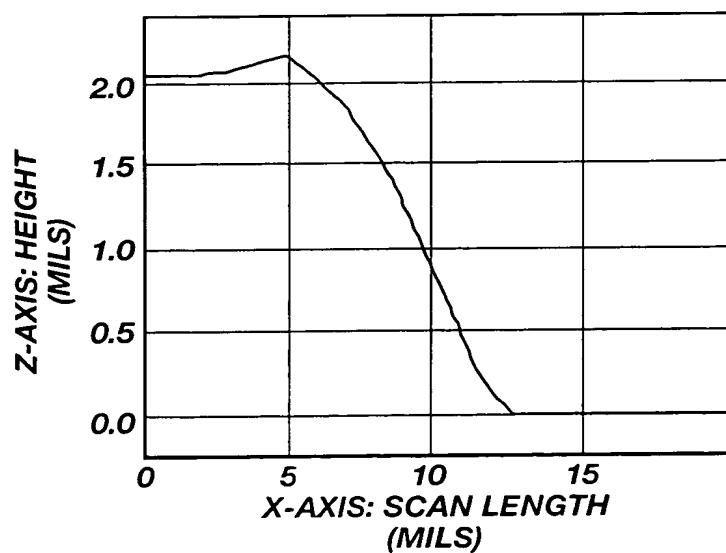
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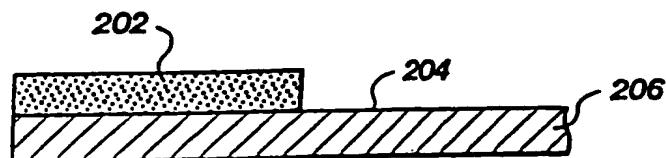


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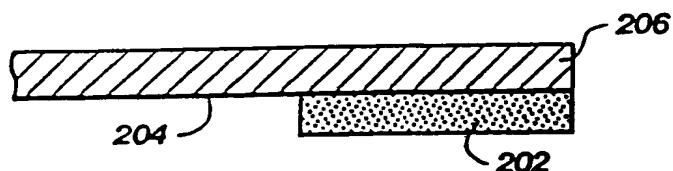




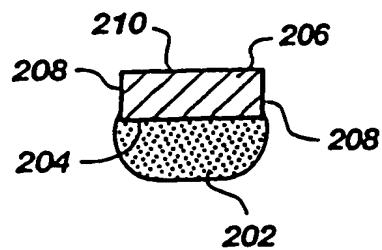
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*Fig. 15*



*Fig. 16*



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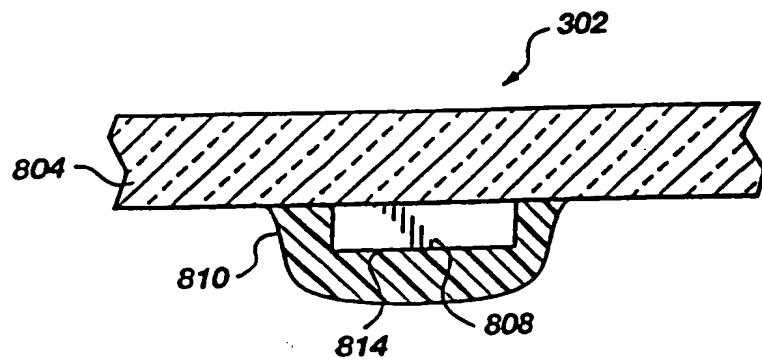


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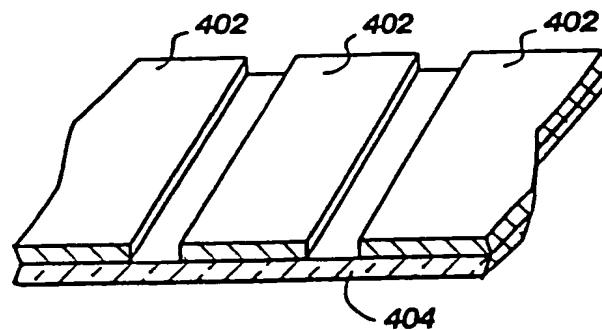


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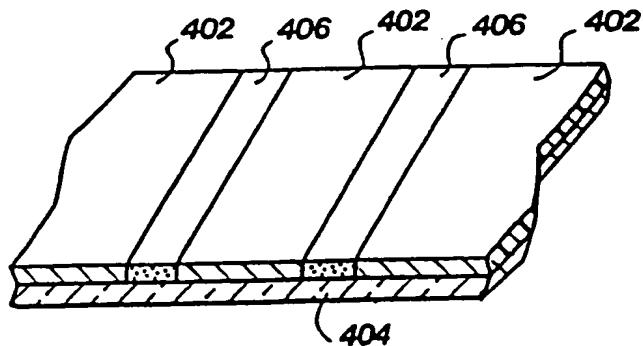


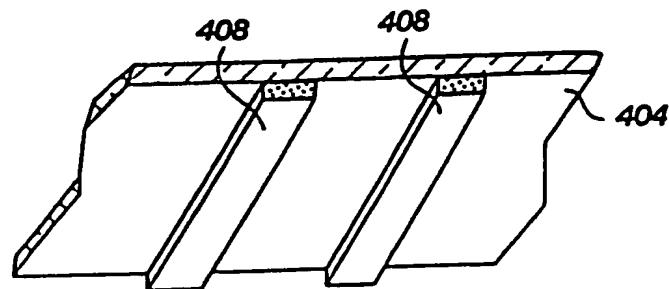
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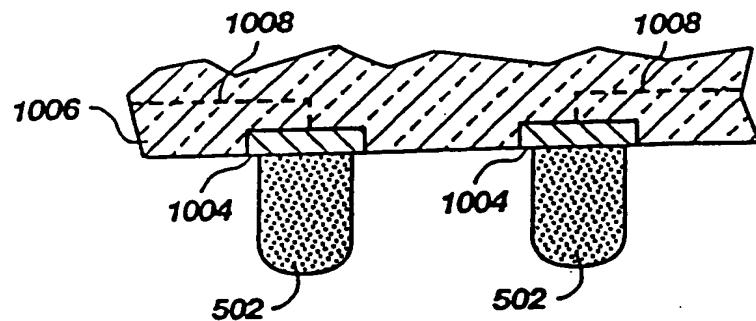


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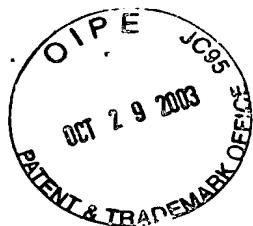
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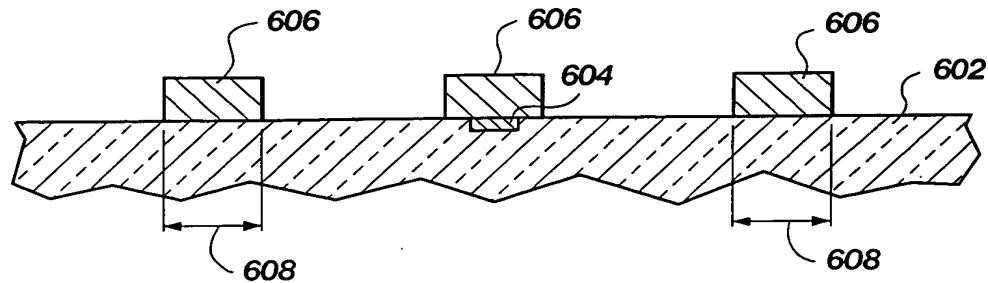
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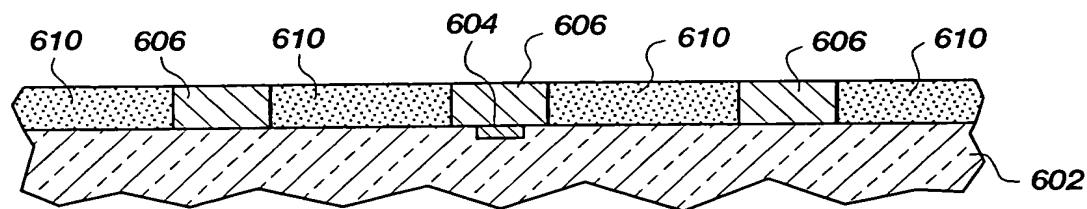
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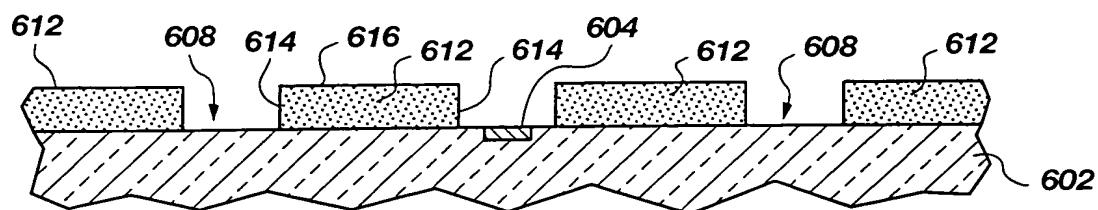
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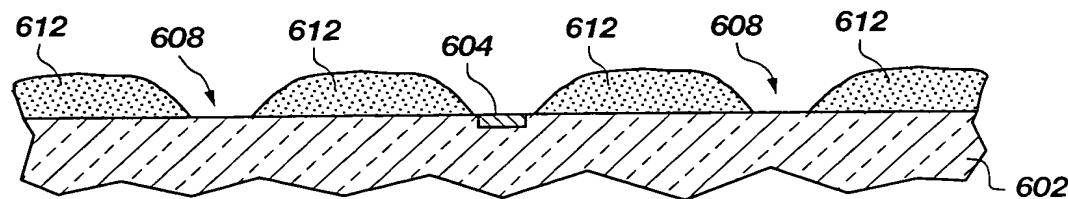


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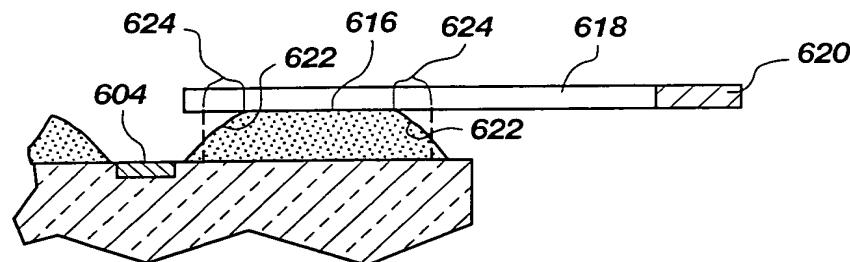


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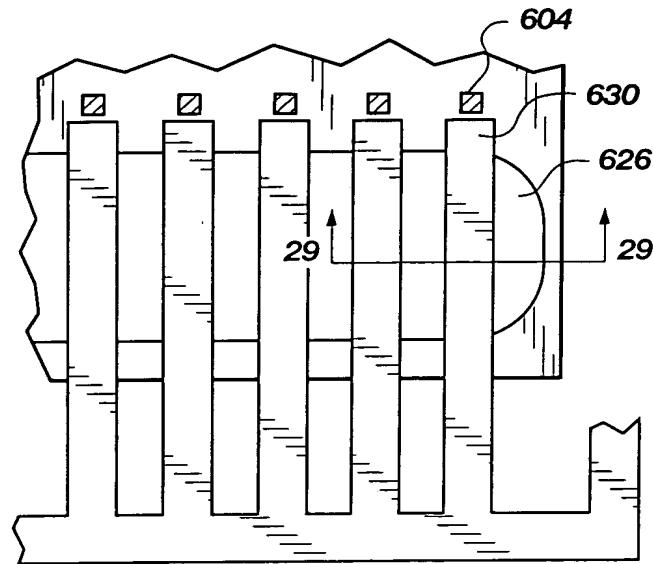
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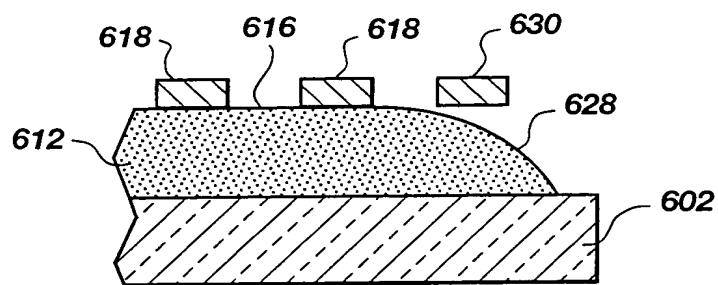
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**Fig. 28**  
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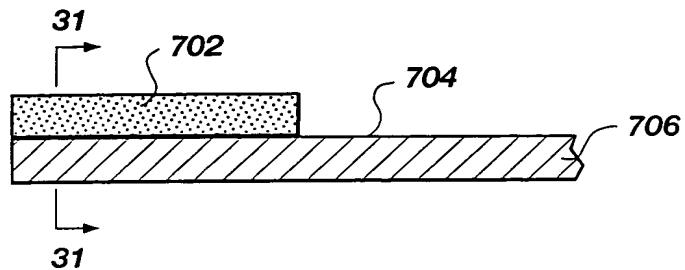


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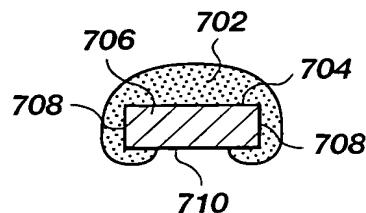


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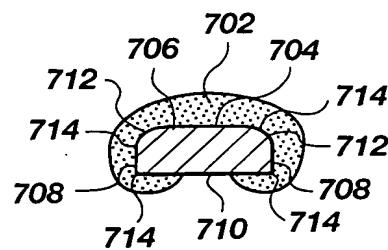
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**Fig. 30**  
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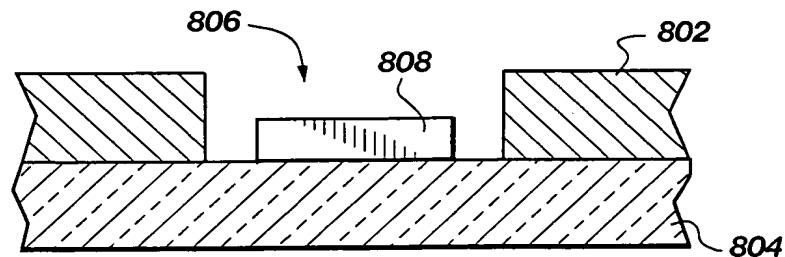
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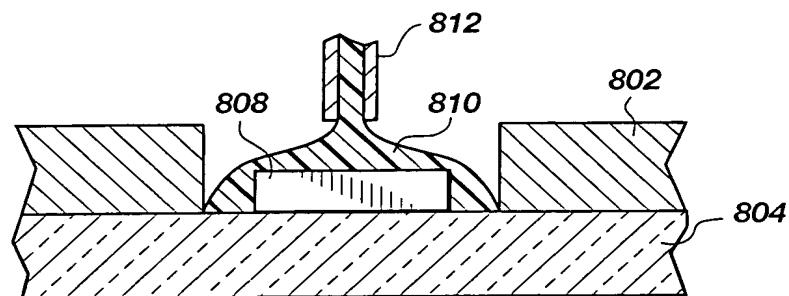
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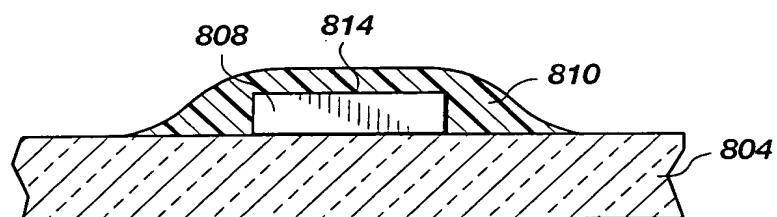
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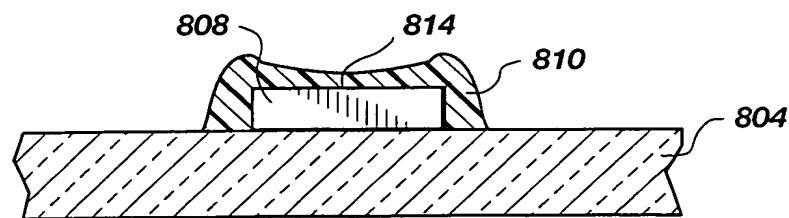
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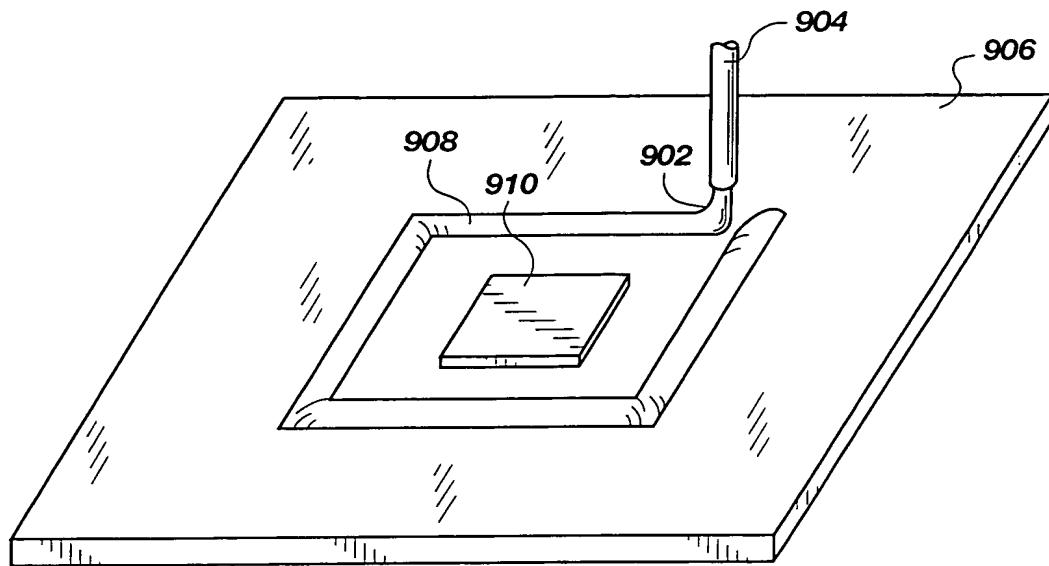
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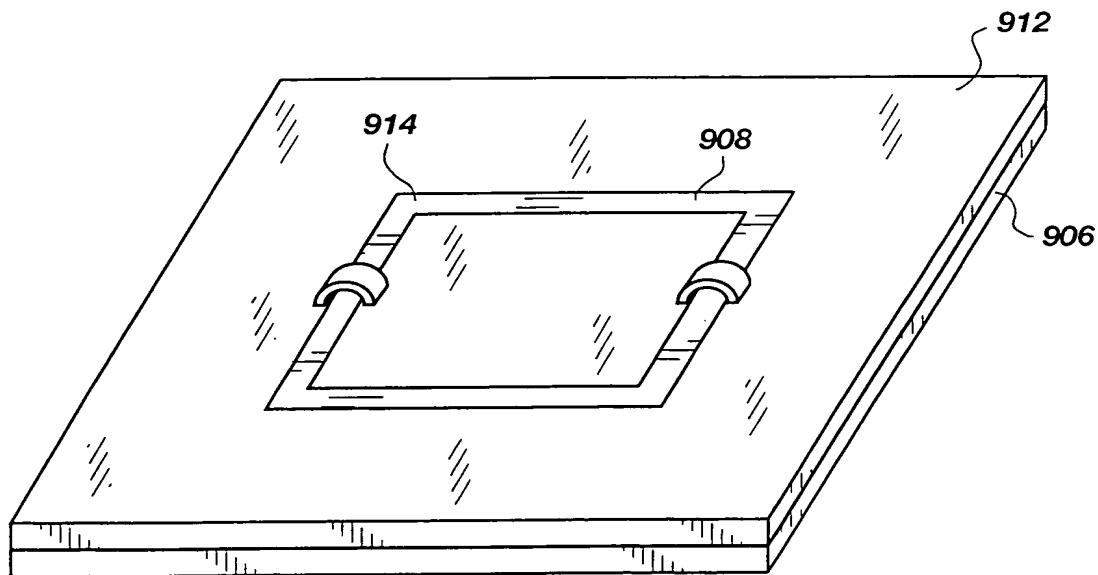
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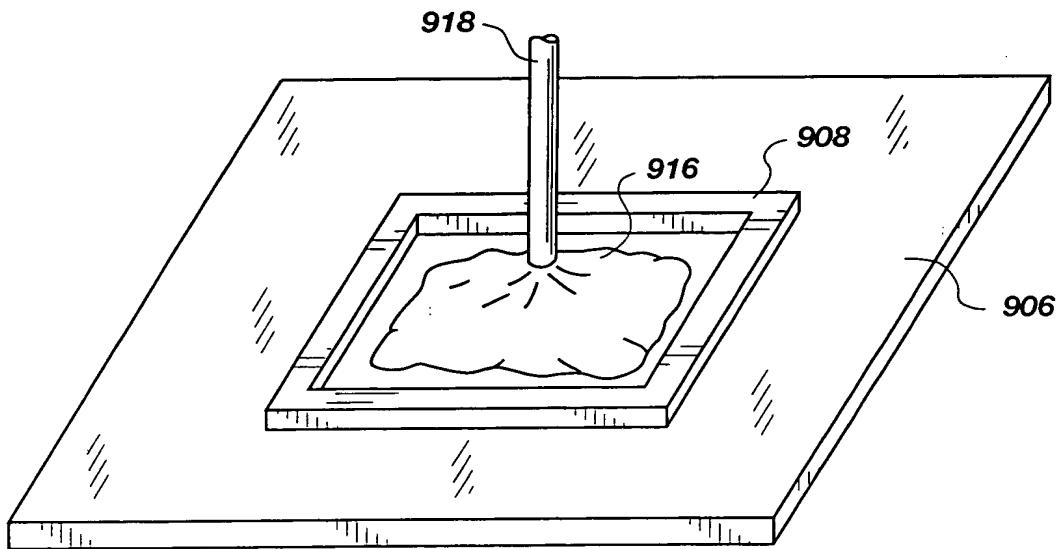


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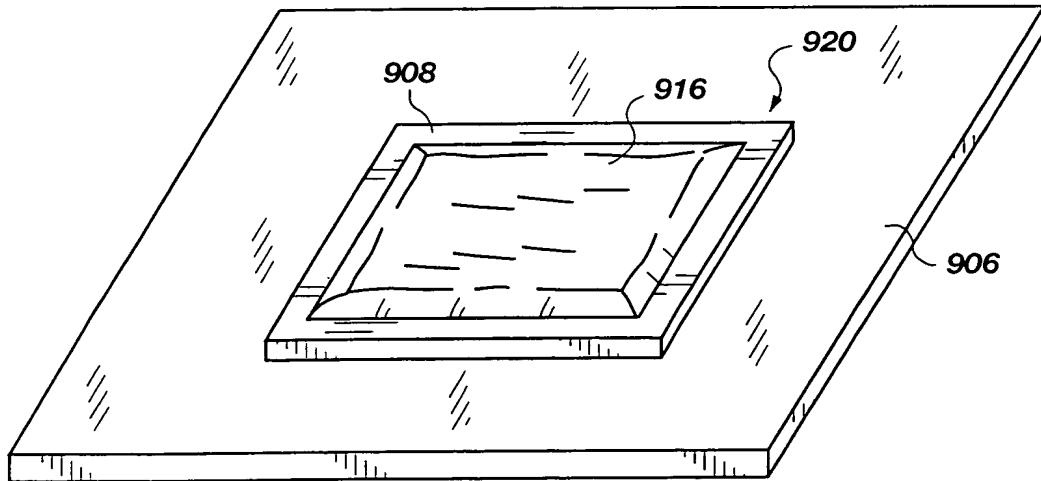


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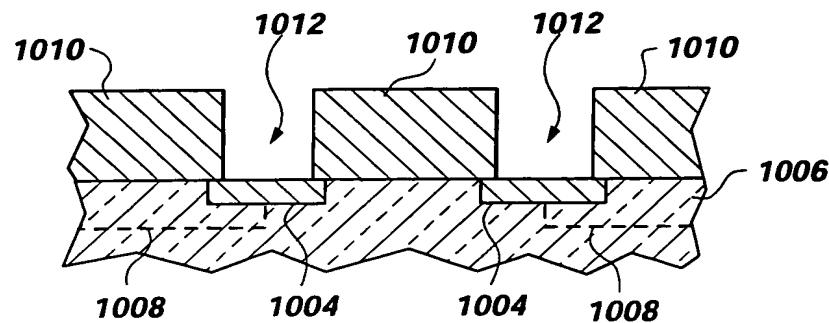


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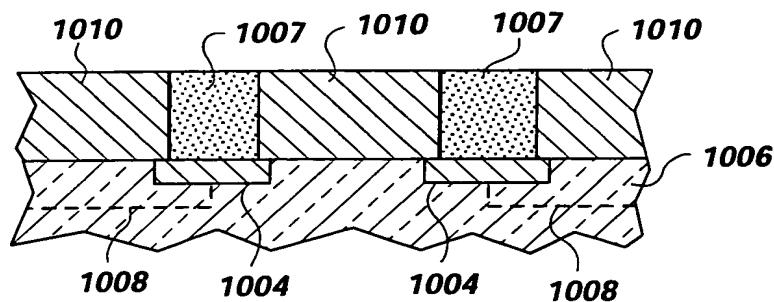


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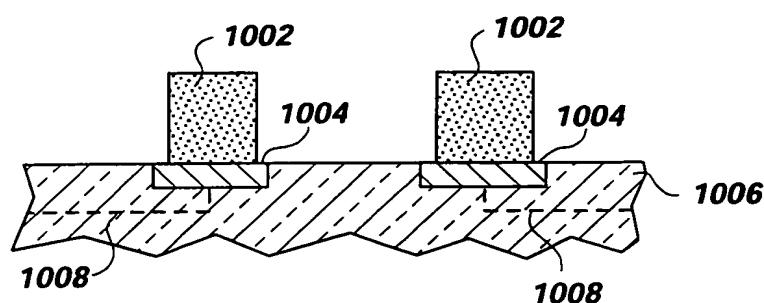
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**Fig. 41**  
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**Fig. 42**  
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**Fig. 43**  
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